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VERMONT MAN SENTENCED FOR DRUG DISTRIBUTION

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Joshua L. Bassett, age 21, of White River Junction, Vermont was sentenced to 18 months in prison and 3 years probation during a hearing before U.S. District Court Judge Steven J. McAuliffe. He was also ordered to pay a fine of \$3,000.

Bassett was convicted after his plea in U.S. District Court in February, 2004, to Possession with Intent to Distribute MDMA (Ecstasy) during August 2003. After a routine traffic stop, Bassett was found with nearly one ounce of Ecstasy in powder form.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated, “Crimes such as drug trafficking impact communities and place costs on society. One of the highest priorities of the United States Attorney’s Office is to continue to seek ways to prevent and reduce crime through the aggressive prosecution of these cases. This case is just one example of our continued dedication to that mission.”

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the NH State Police, and the Drug Enforcement Administration, HIDTA Group. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.